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32. A method of amplifying ETF in a sample comprising contacting the sample with the nucleic acid of claim 21.

33. A method of inhibiting the expression of ETF in a sample comprising contacting the sample with the nucleic acid of claim 21.



Remarks

Applicants have added claims 20-33, which are supported throughout the specification, and particularly at page 26, line 19 to page 27, line 30, at page 36, line 30 to page 37, line 12, and at page 12, lines 14-22.

For the convenience of the Examiner, a clean copy of the pending claims (claims 1-5 and 20-33) is attached. Claims 1-5 are unchanged; claims 20-32 are added by this amendment.

If a telephone interview would be helpful in advancing the prosecution of this application, Applicants' attorney invites the Examiner to call her at the number provided below.

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